



Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 003597-19

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 4 October 2019 in which you sought access to the following information:

1. *"The number of recorded crimes, under Section 2(1) of the 1961 Suicide Act, for aiding and abetting suicide between 6th April 2012 and 30th July 2019. Can these be broken down by year please.*

If helpful, it is my understanding that Section 2(1) of the 1961 Suicide Act may be recorded as code 76 'Aiding Suicide' by the Home Office.

2. *(ii) For each recorded crime, was a suspect:
Interviewed under caution
Arrested
Charged*
3. *What was the outcome of each arrest? If a suspect was released, what was the reason for release? – e.g. Type 9 (Prosecution not in the public interest) etc.*
4. *Which (if any) of the recorded crimes under Section 2(1) of the 1961 Suicide Act are related to the words/phrases "Dignitas", "terminal illness", "terminally ill", "assisted dying", "assisted suicide", or "euthanasia"?"*

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 14 October 2019

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and the response is below.

A search has been completed of the Constabulary's crime system for all offences recorded under Home Office Counting Rules 76 – Aiding Suicide.

1. The number of recorded crimes, under Section 2(1) of the 1961 Suicide Act, for aiding and abetting suicide is as follows:

Year	Total
2013	1
2014	1



2015	1
2016	3
2017	1
2018	1
2019	1

2. The number of individuals interviewed under caution is as follows:

Year	Total
2015	1
2016	2
2017	0
2018	0
2019	0

3. The outcome for each offence listed above is as follows:

Outcome	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)					1	1	1
Type 15 - Named Suspect Identified: Evidential Difficulties				2			
Type 9 - Prosecution Not In the Public Interest (CPS)				1			
Undetected	1	1	1				
Grand Total	1	1	1	3	1	1	1

4. One of the offences contained the term 'Assisted Suicide', in 2019.

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

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<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/>

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Your Right to Request a Review of Decisions Made Under the Terms of the
Freedom of Information Act (2000).

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled, or if you think the decision is incorrect, you have the right to ask Suffolk Constabulary to review their decision.

Ask Suffolk Constabulary to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Suffolk Constabulary under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 40 working days of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Requests for a review should be made in writing and addressed to:

*Freedom of Information Decision Maker
Information Management Department
Suffolk Constabulary
Police Headquarters
Martlesham Heath
Ipswich
Suffolk
IP5 3QS
OR
Email: information@suffolk.pnn.police.uk*

In all possible circumstances Suffolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your request for us to look at our decision again within 20 working days of receipt of your request for an internal review.

The Information Commissioner.

After lodging a request for a review with Suffolk Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.org.uk or contact them at the address shown below:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
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